

CLAIMS

1. Process for operating a security system comprising a warning device (2) triggerable by a control unit (3), a unit (11) for activating a signalling device (7) and a means (6) of unlocking an electrically controlled lock (5), characterized in that it consists:

- in activating a timeout unit when the control unit is invoked so as to engage a timeout interval (T1),

- in activating the means of unlocking the lock when the said activation unit is invoked during the timeout interval (T1),

- and in disabling the signalling device during the aforesaid timeout interval (T1) so that this signalling device can be activated only if the said activation unit is invoked outside of the timeout interval (T1).

2. Process according to Claim 1, characterized in that a new timeout interval (T1) cannot be engaged until after the elapsing of a security interval (T3) subsequent either to an earlier timeout interval (T1) previously engaged when the said activation unit has not been invoked during the timeout interval (T1), or upon the activation of the means for unlocking the lock when the said activation unit has been invoked during the timeout interval (T1).

3. Process according to one of the preceding claims, characterized in that it consists in prolonging the disabling of the signalling device during a protection interval (T2) subsequent either to an earlier timeout interval previously engaged (T1) when the said activation unit has not been invoked during the timeout interval (T1), or upon the activation of the means for unlocking the lock when the said activation unit has been invoked during the timeout interval (T1).

4. Process according to Claims 2 and 3, characterized in that the aforesaid protection interval (T2) is less than the aforesaid security interval (T3).

5 5. Process according to any one of the preceding claims, characterized in that it consists in activating the said warning device (2) according to a different mode of operation and/or in activating the said unlocking means (6) when a supplementary control unit (28) is invoked.

10 6. Process according to any one of the preceding claims, characterized in that the signalling device (7) is able to activate the said unlocking means (5) after having been invoked.